

"The Master Called"



*I'm sorry I had to leave you
My loved ones, oh so dear,
But you see, the Master called me
His voice was very clear!
I had made my reservation
A Heaven-bound ticket for one
And I knew that HE would call me
When He felt my work was done.
I know your hearts are heavy
Because I have gone away
But when the Master called me
I knew I could not stay.
Yes, I'm sorry I had to leave you
My loved ones, oh so dear,
But you see, the Master called me
And now I'm resting here.
Yes, I've crossed over to Glory
And to you all I say,
Just stay in the hands of Jesus
And we'll meet again someday.*

Pallbearers

Joseph Williams
Gregory Due
Wayne Grant

Honorary Pallbearers

Sean Birthwright
Adam Tucker

Interment

Monday, August 12, 2019

9:15 a.m.

Leaving from Baucom's at 8:15 a.m.

9480 Lewis and Clark Blvd.

Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery

2900 Sheridan Road

St. Louis, MO 63114

Acknowledgement

*We the Family of Marie Baskett wish to express our
heartfelt Gratitude and to thank each of you for your kind
expressions, prayers, phone calls, and generosity!*



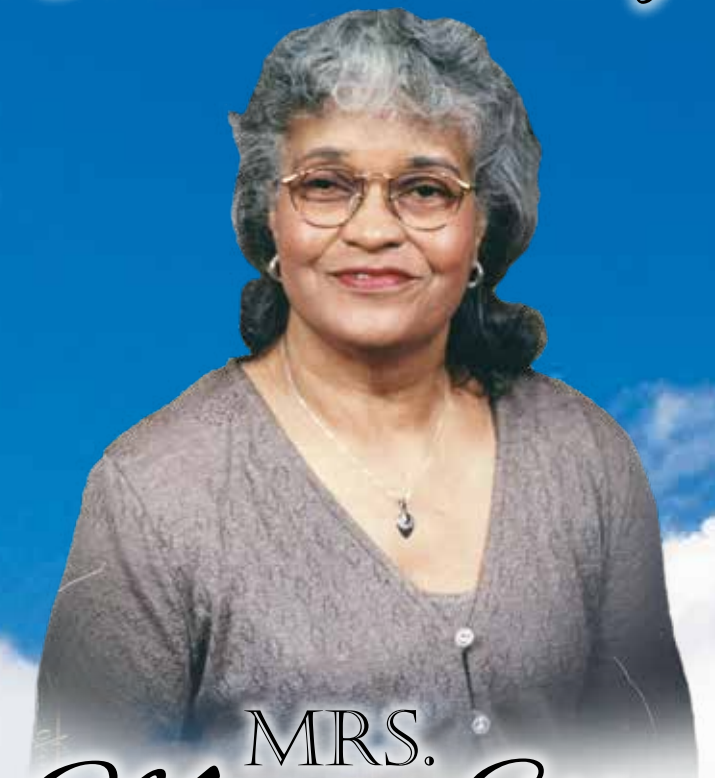
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A Celebration OF LIFE for



MRS.
Mary Ellen
BASKETT

"Marie"

Sunrise
March 21, 1934

Sunset
August 4, 2019

Saturday, August 10, 2019

Visitation: 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Celebration of Life: 11:00 AM

ARK OF SAFETY CHRISTIAN CHURCH
2529 Charwood Street
St. Charles, Missouri 63301

*Host Pastor: Pastor Raymond Horry
Eulogist: Minister Joy Bryant
Officiant: Melvin McCaleb, Sr., Pastor*



Life Reflection

Mary Ellen Baskett was born March 21, 1934, the third child of Thomas and Lucy Brown, in Warrenton, North Carolina. Although her given name was Mary Ellen, she preferred to be called Marie. When Marie was a young teen, the family moved to Belleville, New Jersey. There she attended high school and later in life obtained her GED as an adult. While growing up in New Jersey, her parents often helped others who migrated from the South to the North by giving them a place to live until they could get on their feet. One of those individuals was Reuben V. Baskett, who later became Marie's husband. Reuben and Marie married on February 9, 1952, and lived and loved together for 60-plus years until his passing on December 31, 2013. To that union were born three children – Michael, Deborah and Marie.

Marie was a faithful member of Union Baptist Church, Bloomfield, New Jersey, for many years, singing in the choir and serving as the church secretary. One of her favorite songs she sang as a solo was "How Great Thou Art". Upon moving to Missouri in 1999, she became a member of Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church, St. Charles, Missouri.

Marie's favorite pastime was watching the game show, *Family Feud*, hosted by Steve Harvey, and she would watch it 24/7. She was also a sports fan of the three B's - baseball, basketball and bowling. And last but not least, no matter where she went, she had in hand a pen and a word search book.

Marie worked at Hyatt Roller Bearings (a division of General Motors) for most of her career. The family lived in East Orange, New Jersey, until both Reuben and Marie retired and moved to Florissant, Missouri. A few years following the passing of her husband, Marie moved in with her daughter, Deborah (Baskett) Canada, and granddaughter, Monique Canada, in St. Peters, Missouri, where she resided until her passing.

Marie battled for a number of years with chronic pain from arthritis but whenever asked how she was doing, she would say she's in pain, but "I'm looking forward to the day when there will be no more pain, when this mortal will put on immortality, and we will have new bodies." Throughout her various hospital and rehab admissions, Marie would always ask her daughter, Deborah, "When am I going home?" and during her last hospital visit, she again uttered those words that she wanted to go home. We weren't sure if she meant 506 Liberty Crossing or if she was speaking of her heavenly home. We somehow think she meant her heavenly one. Her struggle with pain ended on Sunday, August 4, 2019. When she next opens her eyes, it will be to the sight of her loving Savior welcoming her to her heavenly HOME!

Preceding Marie in death were her parents, Lucy and Thomas Brown, her husband, Reuben V. Baskett, sister, Patty Green, and brother, Columbus Brown. She leaves to mourn her passing: children, Michael (Sadie) Baskett (of Lilburn, GA), Deborah Canada (of St. Peters, MO), and Marie Birthwright (of Douglasville, GA); grandchildren, Kelli (Adam) Tucker (of Cumming, GA), Monique Canada (of St. Peters, MO), and Sean Birthwright (of East Orange, NJ); great-grandchildren, Luca Tucker (of Cumming, GA) and Isaiah McCombs (of Woodbridge, VA); and god-grandchild, Tanyia Murray (of St. Louis, MO); many nieces, nephews and cousins; and a host of other family, extended family, church family and friends.



*Dear Mommy,
Good-bye is hard to say
So sleep on and take your rest
In raising us,
you did your best
Arise in Christ,
rejoice in glory
Your great deeds to us
are an untold story
Our love for you will soon
soothe the pain
Knowing that one day soon,
We will meet again.

Love, Michael, Debbie,
and Ree*

Celebration of the Life of Mary Ellen (Marie) Baskett

- PreludeMusician
- Processional.....Clergy & Family
- Greeting & InvocationPastor Melvin McCaleb, Sr.
Sr. Pastor, Second Christian Church
Vandalia, MO
- Prayer of ConsolationMinister Tywanda Gilliam
Ark of Safety Christian Church
- Scripture Reading..... Pastor Robert L. Glaspy
Ass't Pastor, Northern Missionary Baptist Church
St. Louis, MO
- Old TestamentPsalm 23
- New Testament I Thessalonians 4:13-18
- Musical Selection
- Condolences and AcknowledgementSandra Saunders
- Life ReflectionSandra Saunders
- Expressions of LoveFamily & Friends
(Limit remarks to two minutes)
- Musical Selection
- EulogyMinister Joy Bryant
- Proclamation of the GospelPastor Melvin McCaleb, Sr.
- BenedictionPastor Melvin McCaleb
- RecessionalClergy & Family

Repast
Immediately following service